

IN THE CLAIMS:

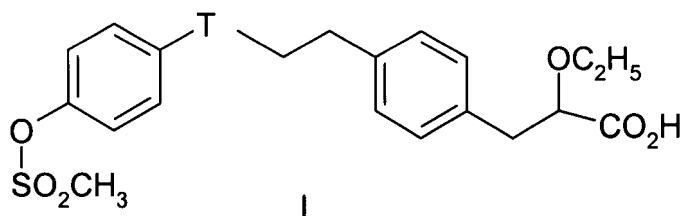
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Please amend pending claim 2 and 3 as indicated.

Please amend claims 4, 6 and 8 and designate them as withdrawn pending rejoinder.

Please cancel claims 5, 7 and 9 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Claim 1 (**original**): A compound of formula I



wherein T represents O, S or NR and wherein R represents a H, a C₁₋₆alkyl group or a phenyl C₁₋₆alkyl group and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

Claim 2 (**currently amended**): ~~The A~~-compound according to claim 1 which is (2S)-2-ethoxy-3-[4-(2-{4-[(methylsulfonyl)oxy]phenoxy}ethyl)phenyl]propanoic acid.

Claim 3 (**currently amended**): A pharmaceutical formulation comprising a compound according to claim 1 or ~~to~~ claim 2 in admixture with a pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvant, diluent and/or carrier ~~adjuvants, diluents and/or carriers~~.

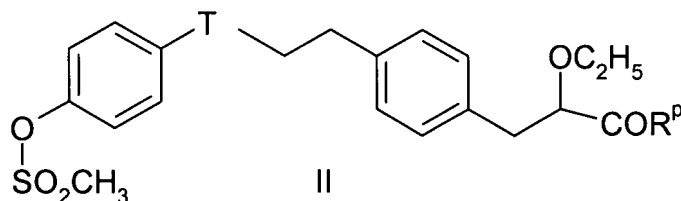
Claim 4 (**currently amended; withdrawn**): A method of treating or preventing lipid disorders (dyslipidemia) whether or not associated with insulin resistance comprising the administration of a compound according to claim 1 or ~~to~~ claim 2 to a mammal in need thereof.

Claim 5 (**cancelled**).

Claim 6 (**currently amended; withdrawn**): A method of treating or preventing type 2 diabetes comprising the administration of an effective amount of a compound of formula I according to claim 1 or to claim 2 to a mammal in need thereof.

Claim 7 (**cancelled**).

Claim 8 (**currently amended; withdrawn**): A process for preparing to prepare a compound of formula I according to claim 1 comprising reacting a compound of formula II



in which T is as ~~previously defined~~ in claim 1 and R^p represents a protecting group for carboxylic hydroxy group with a de-protecting reagent.

Claim 9 (**cancelled**).

Claim 10 (**original**): A prodrug of a compound of formula I according to claim 1 wherein the prodrug is an *in vivo* hydrolysable (or cleavable) ester of the carboxylic acid group in the compound of formula (I).